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short period of time, that there is an unforeseen financial obligation. And in every case that I've known like that, of course, they went on and did whatever parents always do, and that's take care of the kids. But in some cases, I think, they felt like maybe that everything wasn't totally honestly stated to them when the physical condition of the child was described or written down in a report and given to them. And so I think this is a fair bill, and I'm going to continue to look at the language as we move to Select File, hopefully, and see if there's anything we need to clarify or tighten down. But thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Wesely, would you answer just a question or two.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: How would you or the committee thoughts on how it would be determined when actually the illness or condition began, especially if you have that physical at the time?

SENATOR WESELY: Right. What this does, it deals with pre-existing conditions. So it would not be...it would not cover, for instance, after the adoption something would come up at that point, because...

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Correct.

SENATOR WESELY: ...they've been adopted, that's the obligation of the parent.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Correct.

SENATOR WESELY: But science can know that there was some sort of disease or something that was latent and then erupted later, or a mental condition that had existed that comes out later. We would rely on medical experts. They would come in, determine the situation, they would advise us, and it would be their determination that would stand in this case. So we would rely